(c) Steps taken to protect the interests of the farmers include fixation of minimum support prices of major agricultural commodities and procurement thereof through public and cooperative agencies, implementation of the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) covering horticultural and minor items of produce at the request of the State Governments and using instruments of trade to discourage imports and encourage exports.

AAF In Punjab

3826. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has requested the Centre to provide Rs. 550/- crore to help in setting up an Agricultural Adjustment Fund (AAF); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has not received any proposal from the Government of Punjab for Rs. 550 crore for setting up an Agricultural Adjustment Fund (AAF).

Financial assistance for Integrated Development of Mushroom

3827. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of assistance given to various States under the Central Sector Scheme on integrated development of Mushroom during 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001; and

(b) the total yearly production of Mushrooms during each of those years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The details of assistance given to various States under the Scheme on integrated development of Mushroom during, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 are given in the annexed statement *(see* below). The Scheme was continued as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Mushroom till the year 1999-2000 and thereafter with effect from the year 2000-2001, it was merged under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans.

(b) As per information given by National Research Centre for Mushroom (Solan), the estimate of production of Mushrooms during 1996-97 was 40,000 metric tones.

Statement

Funds released to different States during 1998-99 to 2000-2001

(Rs. in lakhs)

si. No	Name of the State	1998-99	1999-	2000-
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	5.00	3.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	8.75	6.16	0.00
3.	Assam	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.	Bihar	65,90	0.00	2.00
5.	Goa	0.00	0.00	2.00
6.	Gujarat	0.00	29.80	5.00
7.	Haryana	3.00	6.00	3.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	36.77	5.30	1.00
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	0.00	1.00

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Karnataka	37.00	8.33	6.00
11.	Kerala	21.00	12.00	2.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1.50	5.10	2.00
13.	Maharashtra	0.00	6.68	3.00
14.	Manipur	0.00	3.66	0.00
15.	Meghalaya	0.00	4.00	0.00
16.	Mizoram	4.00	0.80	0.00
17.	Nagaland	4.0a	15.00	0.00
18.	Orasa	2.00	4.93	2.00
19.	Punjab	0.00	0.00	2.00
20.	Rajasthan	0.00	3.00	2.00
21.	Tamil Nadu	8.50	4.10	5.00
22.	Tripura	5.50	3.10	0.00
23.	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	53.00	2.00
24.	West Bengal	0.00	3.00	2.00
25.	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00
26.	Delhi	0.00	0.00	5.00
	TOTAL:	197.92	178.96	50.00

*It excludes the assistance provided under Work Plan/btecxo ftfeaagement.

Foot and Mouth Disease of Animals

3828. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian cattle are being infected with foot and